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1. SEPTEL ON GROUP OF LAWYERS WHO MET WITH CRAWFORD
INDICATES CHARLES MILLER WOULD CALL ON AMBASSADOR SHULMAN.
WE SEE NO IMPERATIVE NEED FOR MEETING TO BE AT THAT
LEVEL AS LONG AS MILLER/PRETTYMAN GET ACCESS TO GOOD
ADVICE ON APPROPRIATENESS AND TIMING OF INITIATIVES
THEY MAY BE CONSIDERING.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING AT ONCE THE STATUS OF
THE PROPOSAL TO POSTPONE/CANCEL ARCTIC OIL & GAS SHOW
THAT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMMERCIAL OFFICE SEPTEMBER 11-15,
AND OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT IT BE CANCELLED. WE UNDER-
STAND THE QUESTION IS ON SECRETARY KREPS' DESK NOW.
WE HAVE ALREADY HAD A PHONE CALL FROM ONE COMPANY
ASKING WHETHER TO SHIP ITS EQUIPMENT. AS WE ARE
VIRTUALLY BEYOND POINT OF BEING ABLE ADMINISTRATIVELY
TO HOLD THE SHOW AS SCHEDULED AS WELL AS FOR POLICY
CONCERNS OUTLINED IN MOSCOW 17231 AND 16482, WE
ADVISED COMPANY NOT TO SHIP. WE CAN EXPECT MORE SUCH
INQUIRIES AND PLAN SIMILAR ADVICE. CANNOT EMPHASIZE
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TOO STRONGLY THE NECESSITY - FOR COMMERCIAL REASONS
IF NO OTHER - TO INFORM COMPANIES IMMEDIATELY.

3. RE SENATOR KENNEDY'S POSSIBLE VISIT SEPTEMBER 6-12,
THE AMBASSADOR WOULD BE INCLINED TO RECOMMEND AGAINST
AT THIS TIME, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE AMBASSADOR WILL
NOT BE IN THE COUNTRY. HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS

THIS WITH THE SENATOR WHEN HE IS IN WASHINGTON, BUT
MEANWHILE YOU MIGHT PASS ON HIS VIEW TO THE STAFFER.

4. OLEG KROKHALEV OF THE MFA USA DIVISION MENTIONED
TO US JULY 31 THAT THE SUPREME SOVIET IS PRESENTLY
WORKING ON A PROGRAM FOR A CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
HEADED BY SENATOR RIBICOFF. WE ASSUME KROKHALEV HAD
IN MIND THE SENATE DELEGATION SCHEDULED FOR THE FALL
OF THIS YEAR, AS PART OF THE PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE.
HOWEVER WE HAD UNDERSTOOD BYRD AND BAKER MIGHT BE
INVOLVED. KROKHALEV SAID HE ASSUMED THE SOVIET
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH
THE SENATE ABOUT THE TRIP. WOULD APPRECIATE
ANYTHING YOU CAN TELL US ABOUT THIS. TOON

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